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GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

Read—the following Proceedings of the Board of Revenue (Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture), No. 195, dated 5th June 1903:—

The Hon'ble Mr. J. N. Atkinson, I.C.S.

Read—the following letter from M.R.Ry. P. S. VASUDEVA RAO Avergal, Special Deputy Collector, Periyár, to the Collector of Madura, dated 28th April 1903, Dis. No. 58-R.:—

I have the honour to submit the report on the progress of Periyár Irrigation for the quarter ending 31st March 1903.

2. *Sub-divisions of Survey fields.*—Out of 29,694 sub-divisions shown as pending measurement at the end of the previous quarter, 2,532 sub-divisions were measured during the quarter under report against 3,065 in the previous quarter. The short outturn of work during the quarter is explained by the Head Surveyor to be due to the fact that village officers did not lend the surveyors, the services of the village menials apparently because they had to attend to collection work. The Collector has issued orders in his D. Dis. No. 608, Revenue of 1903, dated 11th March 1903, directing Tahsildars to furnish the help wanted, and it is hoped that better progress will be shown in the current quarter. The total number of sub-divisions completed up to the end of the quarter is 30,324, and the number that still remains to be measured is 27,162. The number of days during which the seven field surveyors were engaged in actual measurement during the quarter was 307 and the outturn, shown by them, of 2,532 sub-divisions gives 127 sub-divisions for a surveyor in the month.

3. With regard to the permanent demarcation of all the sub-divisions recorded and to be recorded, I beg to submit that the proposals called for by Government have been submitted to you in my letter Dis. No. 31-R., dated 10th February 1903, and that the orders of Government are awaited.

4. *Disposal of applications for loans.*—During the quarter under report, 91 applications involving an amount of Rs. 20,035 were received, and the total number of applications that had to be disposed of during the quarter, including those that were pending at the end of the previous quarter, was 159 involving an amount of Rs. 25,270. Of these, 32 applications involving an amount of Rs. 8,190 were rejected for various reasons, and 87 applications involving an amount of Rs. 13,485, accepted during the quarter under report, leaving a balance of 40 applications involving an amount of Rs. 9,960. Including the cases that awaited payment at the end of the previous quarter, the number of applications on which advances were made during the quarter was 121, and the total amount advanced including the payment of second instalment

was Rs. 16,327-8-0 against Rs. 22,438 in the previous quarter. The several officers with whom the 40 applications were pending at the end of the quarter are noted below :—

With whom pending.	One month and under.	More than one month and less than three months.	More than three months and less than six months.	More than six months.	Total.
1	2	3	4	5	6
Special Revenue Inspectors	27	6	..	..	33
Public Works Department	1	2	..	..	3
Registration Department	2	..	1	..	3
Tahsildar of Mélúr	..	1	..	..	1
Total ..	30	9	1	..	40

Of these 40 applications, 12 have since been disposed of and prompt steps taken to dispose of the rest. Out of the allotment of Rs. 92,500 under the Land Improvement Loans Act, and of Rs. 73,300 under the Agriculturists' Loans Act, placed at my disposal for disbursement during the official year 1902–1903, an amount of Rs. 66,560 was transferred to other districts. The balance available for disbursement was Rs. 41,940 under the Land Improvement Loans Act and Rs. 57,300 under the Agriculturists' Loans Act. Out of this allotment, a sum of Rs. 94,820 was utilized during the year against Rs. 1,32,500 in the previous year and the balance of Rs. 4,420 was left undisbursed.

The demand, collection and balance of loans at the end of the quarter to which this report relates, are shown in the sub-joined statement. I am giving my personal attention to this work and shall see that satisfactory progress is shown in the current quarter—

	Principal.			Interest.		
	Arrear.	Collection.	Balance.	Arrear.	Collection.	Balance.
	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.	RS. A. P.
Fasli 1310	50 0 0	..	50 0 0	12 0 0	..	12 0 0
Fasli 1311	3,370 11 10	2,276 8 1	1,094 3 9	850 8 9	508 14 7	341 10 2
Total ..	3,420 11 10	2,276 8 1	1,144 3 9	862 8 9	508 14 7	353 10 2

5. *Laying out of distributaries.*—During the quarter under report requisitions from the Public Works Department for the acquisition of lands for 15 distributaries and field channels were received, and the total number of requisitions that had to be complied with during the quarter, including those that were pending at the end of the previous quarter, was 20. Out of these, lands were measured by the Special Revenue Inspectors, and draft declarations submitted to Government for publication in the *Fort St. George Gazette* in 15 cases. The total extent measured by the Special Revenue Inspectors during the quarter was 30·8625 acres against 36·2175 acres in the previous quarter. The duration of the pendency of the remaining 5 applications is noted below and one of them has since been disposed of—

Period of pendency.	Number of requisitions.
One month and under	1 *
Over one month and not more than three months... ...	4
Total ...	5

* REMARKS.—Since disposed of.

Out of 15 cases in which draft declarations were submitted to Government 11 were published in the *Fort St. George Gazette* before the close of the quarter, and the lands covered by them were handed over to the Public Works Department. The lands covered by the remaining applications will be transferred shortly. The total amount of compensation disbursed to the parties during the quarter under report was Rs. 2,442-10-1 against Rs. 2,693-12-4 in the previous quarter, and the total amount disbursed on account of land compensation during the official year 1902-1903 was Rs. 12,627-4-10 against Rs. 3,522-7-4 in the previous year.

6. *Sales of waste lands.*—There was no sale of waste lands during the quarter under report, and as regards the sales of tank-bed lands, the final orders of the Board on the proposals already submitted, are awaited.

7. *Peranai suit.*—M.R.Ry. S. Rengasami Aiyangar Avergal, the Tahsildar of Dindigul, is in charge of the Peranai suit work. The examination of the plaintiff's witnesses is over, and that for the defence is proceeding. Information required by the Honourable the Advocate-General and the local Government Pleader in matters connected with the suit is being furnished by the special officer in charge of the suit.

8. *General remarks.*—During the quarter under report, there were changes in the *personnel* of the officer in charge of the special work. M.R.Ry. M. Tirumalai Pillai Avergal, who has been granted leave for nine months, was relieved by M.R.Ry. S. Rengasami Aiyangar Avergal on the afternoon of the 12th January 1903, and I took charge of the office on the afternoon of the 16th March 1903. The services of the Special Tahsildar and of his establishment were dispensed with from 1st April 1903.

Endorsement by C. G. TODHUNTER, Esq., Acting Collector of Madura, dated 15th May 1903, D. Dis. No. 1153-Rev.

Submitted to the Secretary to the Commissioner of Revenue Settlement and Director of the Department of Land Records and Agriculture, Madras.

Paragraph 3 *of the Special Deputy Collector's letter.*—The proposals called for in G.O., No. 812, Revenue, dated 6th September 1902, regarding the permanent demarcation of sub-divisions in the Periyár tract have been submitted in this office Reference on Current No. 647-B. & G., dated 15th April 1903, to the Board.

Paragraph 4 *of the Special Deputy Collector's report.*—The Special Deputy Collector will be requested to see that the arrears are collected promptly and that the applications pending are disposed of at an early date.

Paragraph 7 *of the Special Deputy Collector.*—M.R.Ry. S. Rengasami Aiyangar is acting for the Huzur Sheristadar on leave during the Court's vacation and will take up the suit work again as soon as the next sitting commences. The other special establishments, except one Revenue Inspector and one peon who are retained for the collection of witnesses and preparation of some statements, have been dispensed with.

Read--the following letter from C. G. TODHUNTER, Esq., I.C.S., Acting Collector of Madura, to the Secretary to the Commissioner of Revenue Settlement and Director of the Department of Land Records and Agriculture, dated 17th May 1903, D. Dis. No. 1171-Rev. :—

In reply to paragraph 2 of B.P. No. 266, dated 9th December 1902, I have the honour to state that the Assistant Superintendent of Revenue Survey has reported that the actual period of supervision by the Survey Department was nineteen months, that the number of sub-divisions demarcated, measured and mapped was 13,509, that the total number of surveyors actually employed during the period was 82, and that the monthly average outturn of a surveyor was thus 170 or 20 sub-divisions more than that (149) obtained by the Special Deputy Collector. It would thus appear that the comparison instituted by the Special Deputy Collector with the work done by the Survey Department was not quite accurate.

2. With reference to the concluding portion of the Board's Proceedings under reference, the Special Deputy Collector, Periyár, reports that the total number of days during which the seven field surveyors were engaged in actual measurement and the number of offsets measured by them during the quarter ended 30th September 1902 were 417 and 1,750 respectively.

3. The Assistant Superintendent of Revenue Survey states that in his opinion a monthly average of 200 sub-divisions can be accepted as a fair standard of monthly outturn required of a surveyor engaged in Periyár sub-division work, placing it higher than his own outturn on the ground that the Deputy Collector has a better surveyor, easier access to records and more control over the karnams, and in this view the present Special Deputy Collector (M.R.Ry. P. S. Vasudeva Rao Avergal) agrees. He will be requested to insist upon this standard of work being turned out by the surveyors in future.

Resolution—No. 195, dated 5th June 1903.

Submitted for the information of Government.

2. The outturn of work under measurement of sub-divisions has been falling off for some time as shown in the margin. There is, however, a small improvement as compared with the work done in the corresponding quarter of last year, the number of sub-divisions measured therein having been 2,316. The Deputy Collector attributes the poor outturn to the failure of the village menial servants to render assistance to the surveyors, and states that the Collector issued the necessary instructions to the Tahsildar on the 11th March 1903.

Quarter ending 30th September 1902	...	3,567.
,, ,, 31st December ,,	...	3,065.
,, ,, 31st March 1903	...	2,532.

3. From the Collector's second letter read above the Board observes that he has in consultation with the Assistant Superintendent, Revenue Survey, fixed two hundred sub-divisions for each surveyor per month as the standard. It is hoped that no efforts will be spared to work up to this standard.

4. The work done in the disposal of applications for loans and in the laying out of distributaries was satisfactory.

5. In paragraph 4 of the Deputy Collector's report the amount of loans for which applications were under disposal is given as Rs. 25,270; but the correct figure is Rs. 35,770. Deducting from this Rs. 8,190 + 13,485, the amount for which applications were disposed of, the balance should be Rs. 14,095 and not Rs. 9,960 as reported.

6. The Board has received the Collector's proposals for permanently demarcating the sub-divisions of survey fields in the Periyár tract, but will defer their submission till Government pass orders on the general question of durable demarcation raised in B.P. No. 167, dated 18th May 1903.

(True Copies and Extract.)

(Signed) V. K. RAMANUJA CHARI,
Acting Secretary.

To the Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.
,, Collector of Madura.
,, Chief Engineer for Irrigation.

Order—No. 679, Revenue, dated 4th July 1903.

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(True Extract.)

(Signed) M. HAMMICK,
Ag. Secretary to Government.

To the Board of Revenue (Revenue Settlement, Land Records and Agriculture).
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